

Statements of Support

- **ACLU** (American Civil Liberties Union)

“Whether they realize it or not, Americans are carrying tracking devices with them wherever they go. Whether they visit a therapist, liquor store, church or gun range, Americans’ activities are often available to law enforcement in real-time or even months after the fact. Tracking our locations and movements without warrants or probable cause is a massive privacy violation. With unclear standards to regulate the collection of this information, our Fourth Amendment rights are left largely unprotected. This bill is a welcome step toward guarding some of our most private information and we hope both the House and Senate make its passage a priority.”

- **CCIA** (Computer & Communications Industry Association)

"This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would protect people that use mobile devices from unnecessary government intervention into their private lives. It would provide new legal clarity for businesses facing various law enforcement requests for customer data. CCIA supports this long overdue reform that creates clear rules for a 21st century mobile wireless space marked so far by chaos and misunderstandings. It balances Americans' privacy protections with the legitimate needs of law enforcement, and maintains emergency exceptions. The bill creates a universal warrant standard for all geolocation information, regardless of how or when it is obtained, sending a clear signal to users that this information is protected."

- **CEI** (Competitive Enterprise Institute)

“The GPS Act would substantially improve and clarify the protections governing geolocation data by requiring that law enforcement obtain a judicial warrant based upon probable cause prior to accessing locational information under most circumstances. At the same time, the bill would preserve the building blocks of law enforcement investigations, and it would leave intact existing exceptions for data disclosure in legitimate emergencies.”

"The reforms proposed by Sen. Wyden and Rep. Chaffetz would benefit not only law enforcement but also firms that offer innovative mobile services. If burgeoning mobile ecosystems are to realize their full potential, companies must have the freedom to offer robust privacy assurances to their users.”

- **Digital Liberty**

“As technology has advanced, the law has failed to keep up, resulting in vague enforcement authority, conflicting court cases, and a lack of knowledge by consumers as to when the government can track their location through their wireless device. The Wyden-Chaffetz bill seeks to remedy this by clearly defining the instances in which the government can attain such data...

The GPS Act is vitally important not only to protect 4th Amendment rights, but also to provide clear, consistent, and understandable standards for law enforcement and wireless carriers.

Without it, the government will maintain its vague and near limitless authority over the wireless data of American citizens.”

- **EFF** (Electronic Frontier Foundation)

“The GPS Act would update the woefully outdated Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1986 to bring it in line with both modern mobile technology and the dictates of the Fourth Amendment, plainly requiring the government to obtain a warrant based on probable cause before tracking your cell phone in real time or obtaining records of your past locations.

EFF supports this bipartisan, bicameral legislation as a much needed antidote to the dangerous lack of clarity in current law when it comes to our locational privacy. By providing clear rules of the road for law enforcement, the courts, and the companies that have access to the location data generated by our electronic devices, the bill would effectively protect the privacy of our movements from government overreaching while helping preserve consumer trust in the mobile services that have become a central fact of modern life.

We strongly urge leaders of both the House and Senate to recognize that legislation to comprehensively shield our locational privacy against unwarranted government invasion is long overdue, and act quickly to pass the GPS Act.”